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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/632,911	Applicant(s) LIN ET AL.	
	Examiner Gloria Hale	Art Unit 3765	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 September 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 8 and 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 4-6, 9-11 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3, ~~5, 7, 12~~ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau. (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: In claim 7, line 2 the reference to 180-190 grams should be indicated as being the fabric weight and the yarn count as being 40.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 9, 11 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 9, 11 and 13-15 are unclear and indefinite. This has occurred when the claims were re-numbered to correct the error in regard to claim 3. However, the dependencies were not corrected. As now numbered and with the present dependencies, claims 7, 9 and 15 are duplicates and incorrectly depend from one another. Also claims 11 and 13-15 rely on a non-method claim and are method step claims. Claims 11 and 13-15 should rely on claim 10. All of the claim dependencies should be reviewed and corrected.

However, the claims as best understood have been examined on their merits in view of the newly applied art.

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this

Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, 5 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Estruch (US 4,481,683).

Estruch discloses a reversible garment that is used as loungewear and is a pant as broadly claimed and which includes a first and second side that has a printed design on each side invisible from each other when worn and which also includes seams 4. The method of broadly printing on each side is disclosed as broadly claimed. (See Estruch, col. 1, line 65 – col. 2, line 1 and lines 43-44).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 2, 6, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Estruch (US 4,481,683).

Estruch discloses the printed garment as broadly claimed. However, Estruch does not specifically disclose the seams as being "French seams" and

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that the prints are in pastel colors. The Examiner takes Official Notice that it is well known to construct garments using "French seams" and especially in lingerie, sleepwear and jersey knitted garments to avoid fraying and to achieve a desired aesthetic effect including a flat seam structure without bulkiness. It is also known to print fabrics or garments in any desired colors such as pastels to achieve a desired aesthetic effect as a matter of design choice. Accordingly it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the Estruch garment to include French seams and to print the fabric with pastel colors to achieve a desired aesthetic effect as a matter of design choice.

Claims 3, 7 and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 8 and 16 are allowable. Claims 9, 11 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The dependencies must be corrected to reflect the original claim sequence structure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gloria Hale whose telephone number is 571-272-4984. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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